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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☒ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☐ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not been furnished:

☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(a)).

☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43*bis*.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43*bis*.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 10-15

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 10-15 relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

see separate sheet

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☒ no international search report has been established for the whole application or for said claims Nos. 10-15

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

☐ has not been furnished

☐ does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See separate sheet for further details

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43b/s.1(a)(I) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
Industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-28
	No: Claims	
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-28
	No: Claims	
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-9, 16-28
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

(III)

Claims 10-15 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body and therefore no preliminary examination is required (Rule 67.1(iv) PCT).

Moreover, it is noted by the IPEA that for the assessment of Claims 10-15 on the question whether their subject-matter is industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT. The patentability under national patent laws can also be dependent on the formulation of the claims. The EPO, e.g., does not recognize the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment as being industrially applicable, but will allow, however, claims to a known compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

(V)

Having regard to the International Search Report as well as the prior art cited by the Applicant in the description the claimed subject-matter differs from document (D1) WO 00/47599 due to the present definition of "A, R¹" therein compared with present -N-R³-C(=O)R¹ and R^{4c} respectively.

Moreover, it is noted by the IPEA that doc.(D2) WO 03/084949, a P-document not relevant at this stage, discloses similar compounds bearing a carbonyl link group, thus differing from present "Q" group.

It is further noted that the reasons for introducing the disclaimer with regard to R⁵/R⁶ into Claim 1 are not clear with regard to the structural difference vis a vis (D1), or even (D2).

The requirements of Art.33(2) PCT appear to be fulfilled.

The problem underlying the present invention appears to be the provision of further compounds useful as 5-HT_{1F}-anti migraine agents. The novel structural features of the present compounds, when compared with the anti-migraine compounds known from (D1) or the common technical knowledge, are not considered to be derivable in an obvious manner. The solution to the technical problem thus appears to be non obvious in the light of (D1).

Accordingly the requirements of Art.33(3) PCT appear to be fulfilled, provided that all compounds claimed under formula (I) possess the desired 5HT_{1F}-agonistic properties. In this respect reference is made to the fact that no compounds appear to have been prepared and tested by the Applicant wherein R² is other than methyl; R¹= (substituted) heterocycle does not specify the number of carbon- or heteroatoms, thus appearing to be vague and speculative in this respect.

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